

What is claimed is

1. A picture holding system comprising:
 - a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the transparent plate; and
 - b) a base comprising a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has an edge located near the perimeter of the support surface and recessed into the rearward of the base, wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and
- wherein the transparent plate is removably attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the plate magnet and the corresponding surface magnet, and the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate over the support surface.

2. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein
the transparent plate and the support surface are
substantially flat.

- 5 3. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein
the transparent plate and the support surface
are substantially curved.

4. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein
10 the base is one selected from a frame, a vase, a
dish, a box and a lamp stand.

5. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein
the transparent plate and the support surface
15 are substantially rectangular and the edge is
located about one of the corners of the support
surface.

6. The picture holding system of claim 5, wherein
20 the edge is substantially elongated to provide a
wider area for pivoting the transparent plate
over the support surface.

7. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein
25 the transparent plate and the support surface

are substantially triangular and the edge is located about one of the corners of the support surface.

5 8. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the shape of the transparent plate and the support surface are circular and the edge is located on the periphery of the support surface.

10 9. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the base has an upper surface, wherein the support surface is set inwardly from the upper surface to form a depression receiving the transparent plate.

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10. The picture holding system of claim 9, wherein the transparent plate has a top surface such that the top surface is flush with the upper surface.

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11. A picture holding system comprising:

a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one ferromagnetic body is fixed to a perimetric position of transparent plate; and

- b) a base comprising a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has an edge located near the perimeter of the support surface and recessed into the rearward of the base, wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and
- wherein the transparent plate is attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the ferromagnetic body and the corresponding surface magnet and the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate over the support surface.
12. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein the transparent plate and the support surface are substantially flat.
13. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein the transparent plate and the support surface are substantially curved.

14. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein
the base has an upper surface, wherein the
support surface is set inwardly from the upper
surface to form a depression receiving the
5 transparent plate.

15. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein
the transparent plate has a top surface such
10 that the top surface is flush with the upper
surface.

16. A picture holding system comprising:
a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one
15 plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric
position of the transparent plate; and
b) a base comprising a support surface that
accepts the transparent plate and supports a
picture between the transparent plate and
20 the support surface, wherein the support
surface has an edge located near the
perimeter of the support surface and
recessed into the rearward of the base,
wherein at least one ferromagnetic body is

fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and

wherein the transparent plate is attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the
5 plate magnet and the corresponding ferromagnetic body and the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate over the support surface.

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17. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein the transparent plate and the support surface are substantially flat.

15 18. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein the transparent plate and the support surface are substantially curved.

19. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein
20 the base has an upper surface, wherein the support surface is set inwardly from the upper surface to form a depression receiving the transparent plate.

20. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein
the transparent plate has a top surface such
that the top surface is flush with the upper
surface.

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21. A picture holding system comprising:

- a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the transparent plate; and
- 10 b) a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has an edge located near the perimeter of the support surface and recessed to form a cavity, wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and
- 15 c) a base that has a depression that receives the support surface and the transparent plate; and
- 20 wherein the transparent plate is removably attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the plate magnet and the corresponding surface magnet, and the transparent plate may be
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pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate
over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate
over the support surface.

- 5 22. The picture holding system of claim 21, wherein
the transparent plate is flush with the base.

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